

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 13, 19-23, 26, and 27 as presented in the below listing of claims. This listing replaces any previous listing of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for updating software installed on a work machine, the work machine having at least one non-volatile memory for storing the software, comprising:

a remote data storage system (114) for storing identifying information of said software;

a remote processor (110) for monitoring said remote data storage system (114) to determine if updates are available for said software; and

a remote communications system (112) operably connected to said remote processor (110), said remote communications system (112) receiving said available updates from said remote processor (110) and relaying said available updates to said work machine for storage in said non-volatile memory.

2. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

an interface (116) for notifying an owner of said work machine of said available update.

3. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 2, wherein said interface (116) allows said owner to communicate acceptance of said available

update and wherein said available update is relayed to said work machine upon said owner communicating said acceptance.

4. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 3, wherein said interface (116) includes an electronic message for notifying said owner.

5. (Original) The system, as set forth in claim 4, wherein said electronic message includes a link to a web site allowing said owner to communicate acceptance of said available update.

6. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 3, further comprising:

a billing system operably connected to said remote processor (110) for billing said owner for said accepted available update.

7. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a machine processor (104) for polling said at least one nonvolatile memory to collect said identifying information; and a machine data storage system (108) for storing said identifying information, said identifying information being relayed from said machine data storage system (108) to said remote data storage system (114).

8. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

a machine communication system (106) operably connected to said machine processor (104), said machine communication system (106) receiving said available update from said remote communication system (112).

9. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said remote communication system (112) comprises wireless communication means.

10. (Original) The system, as set forth in claim 9, wherein said wireless communication means is a cellular system.

11. (Original) The system, as set forth in claim 9, wherein said wireless communication means is a satellite system.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for remotely updating software installed on a work machine, the work machine having at least one non-volatile memory for storing the software, comprising:

storing identifying information of said software in a remote data storage system (114);

monitoring said remote data storage system (114) to determine if an update of said software is available;

relaying said available update from said remote data storage system (114) to said work machine; and
installing said available update in said non-volatile memory.

13. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising the step of notifying an owner of said work machine of the availability of said update.

14. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 13, further comprising the step of awaiting acceptance by said owner of said available update.

15. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 14, wherein said available update is installed in said non-volatile memory if said owner accepts said available update.

16. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 15, further comprising the step of billing said owner for said available update upon acceptance of said owner of said available update.

17. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 13, wherein said owner is notified of said available update by an electronic communication.

18. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 17, wherein said electronic communication includes a link to a web site allowing said owner to communicate acceptance of said available update.

19. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 17, wherein said storing step includes the step of:

relaying said identifying information from said work machine to said remote data storage system (114).

20. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said storing step further includes the steps of:

polling said at least one non-volatile memory in said work machine to obtain said identifying information; and
storing said identifying information in a machine data storage system (108).

21. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said relaying step includes relaying said identifying information from a machine communication system (106) to a remote communication system (112) for storage in said remote data storage system (114).

22. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein said available update is relayed by a remote communication system (112).

23. (Currently Amended) The method, as set forth in claim 22, wherein said remote communication system (112) comprises wireless means.

24. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 23, wherein said wireless means is a cellular system.

25. (Original) The method, as set forth in claim 23, wherein said wireless means is a satellite system.

26. (Currently Amended) A system for updating software installed on a work machine, the work machine having at least one non-volatile memory for storing the software, comprising:

means for remotely storing identifying information;

means for remotely monitoring said stored identifying information to determine if updates are available, and

means for remotely communicating with the work machine to relay said available updates to the work machine for storage in said non-volatile memory.

27. (Currently Amended) The system, as set forth in claim 26, further comprising:

means for notifying an owner of said work machine of said available update.